

The endorser of my statements is Dr. Swan  
a celebrated Physician well known in  
this region & of influence Br. King is  
well acquainted with him. Mr. Johnson  
has letters ~~from~~ & testimonials from several  
of our most distinguished Statesmen

Barlow & Larned Mrs.  
Sept 9th

Rev. A. A. Phelps  
John & Fuller  
Boston

46 3/4 Washington St.  
(see last)

Wash.

You had better, if he consents to stand,  
get a letter concerning his character &  
talents as a statesman from Hon. —  
Fillmore, member of Congress from Buffalo  
who is an Abolitionist, & well acquainted  
with Mr. Johnson; & would give you a full  
statement, which you might publish, when  
he is announced as our candidate. W. L.



Although I feel somewhat  
diffident in consequence of the  
relationship existing between Mr  
Johnson & myself (he being brother  
of my wife) to say any thing with  
regard to his qualifications yet  
for benefiting the cause & at the  
request of Brethren Cummings  
I can truly endorse the statement  
he has made concerning Mr Johnson  
& can add that much more could be  
said concerning his talents & moral  
rectitude - his knowledge as a  
statesman & his deep felt solicitude  
in behalf of the bleeding slave - But  
the rub will be to get him to stand as a  
candidate - though perhaps you may  
if you appeal to his sense of duty  
to the nobleness & honor of his  
generally coming out in behalf of  
the suffering slave - yrs Respectfully

Caldo Swan



about it, or he will not accept. His  
abolitionism, I am informed is paramount  
to his whiggery. Br. Lee is acquainted with  
him, & had better see him with your  
committee. It is the opinion in this  
place that if you can persuade him  
to accept, in three years we can elect  
him. You must not appeal to his am-  
bition, but to his conscience, & excite  
his moral feelings, press it as a solemn  
religious duty, & you will be more  
likely to succeed. He is now in your  
city & will be there until after the  
great convention; you can find him  
at the Marlboro Hotel, or the Washington  
Coffee House. where he generally stops.  
I think you had better see him forth-  
with. He will get a large vote where  
he is known in this county, & we  
can make him popular through the  
state; for we have the ground work  
to build upon, he being equal in  
point of qualifications, to John Davis.  
Now, brother, go ahead judiciously, &  
we will have him, & may the  
good Lord go with you, & give  
success in your efforts.

Yours respectfully

A. Cummings



Hiram Cummings  
Easton, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 1840

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Br. Phelps, — I have found the man for  
our Governor, Geo. W. Johnson Esq. of  
this town. For qualifications he is not  
surpassed by any man in this State. He  
is a graduate, a first rate lawyer by pro-  
fession. He has travelled all over this  
country & Europe — has attended ~~many~~ the  
popular courts of Europe in quest of knowl-  
edge & probably has as much literary knowl-  
edge as any man in the State. He is  
an accomplished gentleman in every  
sense — is a man whose moral charac-  
ter is unstained from his youth; —  
his talents as a speaker are not so bril-  
liant as some of our orators, but as a  
writer they are of the very first order.  
In Politics ~~he~~ is a Whig. He is one  
of our strongest abolitionists, & would stand  
at the head in our ranks in the State  
if he was known. He is a stranger  
in this State comparatively. He was  
formerly from Buffalo N. Y. — has been  
here little more than a year, having  
just returned from Europe. He is ~~a~~  
<sup>one of our vice Presidents</sup> ~~member of the~~ State Soc. Ex. Com.  
He is a very diffident man, & does not  
want office; & you must let him know  
& believe that it is absolutely necessary  
for the good of our cause that he accept.  
He will want a great deal of urging, &  
you must make him believe that it comes  
from your heart, & that you are in earnest.